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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of: G. SERRE *et al.*

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Application No.: 09/582,711

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Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: June 30, 2000

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Examiner: L. Cook

For: PEPTIDE EPITOPES RECOGNIZED BY ANTI-FILAGGRIN  
AUTO-ANTIBODIES IN SERUM FROM RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS PATIENTS

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 2, 2003 (Paper 19), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The period for response expired on April 2, 2003. Accordingly, a two-month extension of time is requested concurrently extending the period of response to June 2, 2003.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the following amended claims for pending claims 1, 5-7, 9-10, and 12-

15.

62 1. (Amended) An isolated peptide comprising an epitope recognized by anti-filaggrin autoantibodies present in serum from rheumatoid arthritis patients, wherein said epitope comprises the motif Ser-Cit-His in which Cit represents a citrulline residue.

63 5. (Amended) An isolated antigenic composition for diagnosing the presence of



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**TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment and response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, (Paper No. 19).
2. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

[ ] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

[X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

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<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
[ ] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[X] two months	\$ 410.00	\$205.00
[ ] three months	\$ 930.00	\$465.00
[ ] four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$410.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

[ ] An extension for \_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	12	minus	20	0	x \$ each=	+\$ 0
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	1	minus	3	0	x \$ each=	+\$ 0
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)						+\$ 0
<b>SUB-TOTAL =</b>						<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity</b>						<b>-\$ 0</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE =</b>						<b>\$ 0.00</b>

4. Fee Payment

[ ] No fee is to be paid at this time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$410.00** to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for a two-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 for the additional claim or otherwise, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

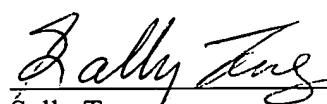
5. Constructive Petition

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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